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Mr. Steve Holmes, Chair

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"Citizen's Resolution for Blackhawk Lake, Iowa County, regarding a proposed bag limit and length limit rule change for Northern Pike."

Whereas, northern pike were illegally stocked in Blackhawk Lake by private citizens;

Whereas, northern pike have been naturally reproducing in Blackhawk Lake, with at least five year-classes of pike present in the lake today;

Whereas, pike can travel upstream and downstream from Blackhawk Lake to trout streams both above and below the lake;

Whereas, pike are predators at the top of the food chain and they eat trout and small walleyes;

Whereas, the DNR spends considerable sums of our license monies stocking trout in the Blackhawk Lake Watershed;

Whereas, private citizens and private citizens organizations have spent considerable sums of money stocking walleyes in Blackhawk lake;

Whereas, it is a biological fact that pike smaller than the current 26 inch length limit are capable of recruitment (spawning and bringing off a hatch);

Whereas, currently Blackhawk Lake has a 26 inch length limit and a daily bag limit of 2 pike;

Whereas, the current pike regulation for Blackhawk Lake of 26 inches in length and 2 fish daily bag limit is insufficient to significantly remove naturally reproducing pike from Blackhawk Lake;

Therefore, be it resolved, do you support removing the current 26 inch length limit on northern pike and two fish daily bag limit for Blackhawk Lake and replacing it with a no length limit and 5 pike daily bag limit?

This proposed rule change will increase consumption of pike caught from Blackhawk Lake and also reduce the numbers of pike available to spawn in the lake.

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Yes No
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